

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Rushville City Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Angie Barton was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Darrin McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ron Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported:

1. Congratulated Darrin McGowan for being selected as "Citizen of the Year".
2. April 8 we will receive training for streaming on the BIS Digital system.
3. There will be a joint meeting April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers of the Board of Works, City Council, and Utility Board CSO Steering Committee with IDEM as the guest speaker.
4. There was a meeting with the Chamber, Carolyn Bunzendahl, and the SBDC. As of next Monday there will be a small business development loan program in place. ARA will administer the program after it has been approved by the ECDC.
5. There are 2 properties we are having problems with as far as upkeep. The properties are the Cohee property on Donald Street and 1023 North Maple these both appear to be more of a zoning issues instead of trash, therefore we are going to have to appeal to the County to rectify the problems.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire - Chief Jenkins reported that the property at 351 N Arthur was scheduled for a hearing, however, not all parties received notification. Jenkins said he will need to post a notice on the property and then advertise for hearing.

Jenkins said he has sent notification to the owner of 227-231 N Main to schedule an inspection with an engineer. The owner did not accept the certified mail. Jenkins has posted notice on the building. Jenkins said we have to wait 10 days. After April 12 he will be able to enter the structure with an engineer and perform an inspection.

Street – Commissioner Miller said heavy trash collection has been scheduled. North of the Bridge trash should be set out the week of 4-15 through 4-19 and will be picked up the week of 4-22. South of the bridge trash should be placed out the week of 4-22 through 4-26 and it will be picked up the week of 4-29. The dump site will be open during this time and will be free during the week of April 22nd.

Police – Chief Tucker said tomorrow there will be parks patrol training for 7 additional people. The program actually began yesterday, but due to the cool temperatures no one had been out.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **DE-ANNEXATION LILA MEYER:** ECDC met with Lila Meyer for discussions. They thought it went well. They have requested information from the Mayor as to what has transpired earlier. Since more information was requested Pavey recommended to table. McGowan made a motion to table the matter. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **I.P. PHONE SYSTEM:** Frontier still has not sent a quote. Avia is currently looking over the 2 quotes we have to make sure they are equal in comparison. Hope to know something by May.
3. **FIRE DEPARTMENT RANK PROMOTIONS:** Pavey said he has researched what rank they had in the past. The rank for the Fire Department has not changed, but there have been changes in the rank for the Police Department. Pavey said he asked the Department Heads to set a policy on what rank they are requesting and what their duties would be.

Chief Jenkins said he makes promotions similar to a merit system. This would include years of service, State certified training, practicals, and a written exam. The applicant with the highest score is next in line. This system began in 2008. Jenkins said he will not promote a firefighter to Captain, they must hold the position of Lieutenant to be considered for the position of Captain. Jenkins said due to the results of this testing he would recommend to promote Kent Clark to Captain. He would replace Kemker. He would recommend replacing Lieutenant Clark with Kirk Trebley who scored highest for the position of Lieutenant.

Cameron asked if we had received any word from hospital regarding the ambulance service. Pavey said he has been told that no decision has been made. Pavey said his goal is to move forward one way or the other by the end of April.

Mayor Pavey said we have had 3 requests from hospital for information and we have answered all 3 requests.

Jenkins said the promotions have nothing to do with the ambulance service. These positions need to be filled regardless of the EMS decision.

McGowan made a motion to approve promoting Kent Clark to Captain and Kirk Trebley to Lieutenant. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BLUE RIBBON ESTATES STREET DEDICATION:** Newhouse said this needs to go before the BZA for a new dedication. After they have approved it they will send it back to the City for final approval.
2. **DISTRICT 6 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:** Tucker said this is a worthwhile program with many benefits. This program would also allow us to lend assistance to surrounding communities in the event of a disaster situation. Pavey said District 6 is where we receive major funding. If we do not become a part of District 6 our resources could be limited. Cameron made a motion to allow Mayor Pavey to sign the District 6 Mutual Aid Agreement. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL:** Paula Hartwell from ARa said there was a procurement process for a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Rushville. All companies were scored and the company with the highest score was Hannum Wagle, & Cline Engineering. HWC's lump sum for the project is \$40,000.00. \$39,200 will be requested through a grant. The City would need to invest \$3,136.00. McGowan made a motion to approve the \$40,000.00 lump sum for HWC. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **POLICE DEPARTMENT RETENTION PROGRAM:** Chief Tucker said this is not quite ready.
5. **POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING PROCESS:** Chief Tucker said he has received word that Officer Griffith will be leaving either at the end of May or the 1st of June to take a position in Shelby County. He asked permission to start the hiring process. He said he would like to take applications through the end of the month. He would hope to be able to come back to board sometime around June 25 with a recommendation. Cameron made a motion to allow Tucker to begin the hiring process. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. **HEALTH CARE ACT VS. CITY POLICY:** Mayor Pavey said he attended a Mayor's institute last week. One of the topics of discussion was the Health Care Act. If you qualify a person as a part time employee but they work 30 hours or more a week they are considered full time per the Health Care Act. If someone would apply for a voucher and they discover that we have not offered health care to at least 95% of people on our workforce that qualify we could be penalized a substantial sum of money. Therefore, we need to make sure how we are defining our workers in our policy.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board of Works, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Jarman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

GARY M CAMERON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

ANGELA L. BARTON, MEMBER

RONALD J. JARMAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER